

## IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims is as follows:

1        1.    [Currently amended]    A method for creating a place type  
2        from which new places are created in collaboration space,  
3        comprising the steps of:

4                creating a first place including a configuration  
5                specifying members and their respective roles, a data  
6                structure including at least one room form and included  
7                page form, aesthetics, and at least one skin group for  
8                a team project;

9                rendering said first place as [[a]] an existing place;

10               responsive to user command, saving said existing place  
11               as a place type from which other places are to be  
12               created with said configuration in said collaboration  
13               space; [[and]]

14               rendering a ~~second place~~ new place as a copy of said  
15               place type, said ~~second place~~ new place being a fully  
16               functioning collaborative space including members with

17           specific roles, data structure including folders and  
18           rooms, and aesthetics created by said place type from  
19           said existing place;  
  
20           responsive to place manager selection:  
  
21                 selectively preventing changes to look and feel of  
22                 said new place by not presenting decorate options  
23                 in said place type;  
  
24                 selectively displaying a description of said place  
25                 type;  
  
26                 displaying source information for said place type,  
27                 including name and address of collaboration space  
28                 place on which said place type is based;  
  
29                 selectively hiding and redisplaying names and  
30                 descriptions of place types in a list of available  
31                 place types created by place type authors and  
32                 transportable among a plurality of servers;  
  
33                 selectively [[update]] updating said new place  
34                 created using said place type when said place type

35 changes; and

36 selectively copying said place type from a server  
37 on which said place type was created to another  
38 server.

1 2. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further  
2 comprising the steps of:

3 responsive to a user selecting an action from a browser  
4 user interface for creating a place in collaboration  
5 space, displaying a list of custom place types;

6 receiving from said user a name of a custom place type  
7 from said list, together with a name for a new place,  
8 user name and password; and

9 responsive to verification of said user as authorized  
10 by user name and password, creating a new place from  
11 said custom place type.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 organizing said collaboration space according to an  
4 object model selectively including place, room, folder,  
5 page, member, form, field, place type, room type, skin,  
6 and placebot objects.

1 4. [Original] The method of claim 3, said place type  
2 being implemented as a directory within said room type.

1 5. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further  
2 comprising the step of:

3 manipulating functionality provided by said place type  
4 to customize said collaboration space by integrating  
5 external technology.

1 6. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 granting authority to an authorized user to access said  
4 place type and create a new place from said place type;  
5 and

6 responsive to a request from said authorized user,  
7 modifying said new place.

1       7.   [Previously presented]   The method of claim 1, further  
2       comprising the step of:

3               responsive to creation of said place type from said  
4               first place, using said place type as a custom place  
5               type for creating said other places having the format,  
6               look and feel of said first place.

1       8.   [Original]   The method of claim 7, further comprising  
2       the step of:

3               including membership, forms, placebots and skins  
4               defining a collaboration space place within said place  
5               type.

1       9.   [Previously presented]   The method of claim 6, further  
2       comprising the step of:

3               responsive to a "what's new" request entered by a user,  
4               displaying at said browser changes made to said place  
5               type.

1       10.   [Previously presented]   The method of claim 6, further

2 comprising the step of:

3 updating said new place created using said place type  
4 when said place type is modified.

1 11. [Currently amended] A method for creating a plurality  
2 of place types from which new places ~~may be~~ are to be  
3 created in collaboration space, comprising the steps of:

4 creating a first place;

5 rendering said first place in collaboration space;

6 saving said ~~first place~~ first place as a place type;

7 creating a new place as a copy of said place type, said  
8 new place being a fully functioning collaborative  
9 space;

10 rendering said new place in collaboration space; and

11 responsive to place manager selection:

12 selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said

13           new place by not presenting decorate options in said  
14           place type;

15           selectively displaying a description of said place  
16           type;

17           displaying source information for said place type,  
18           including name and address of collaboration space place  
19           on which said place type is based;

20           selectively hiding and redisplaying names and  
21           descriptions of place types in a list of available  
22           place types created by place type authors and  
23           transportable among a plurality of servers;

24           ~~selectively update~~ selectively updating said new place  
25           created using said place type when said place type  
26           changes; and

27           selectively copying said place type from a server on  
28           which said place type was created to another server.

1           12. [Currently amended] A system for creating a place type

2 from which new places are to be created in collaboration  
3 space comprising:

4 a first place;

5 said first place including a configuration of  
6 membership, at least one room form and included page  
7 form, and at least one skin group for a team project;

8 said skin group defining a page read display mode, a  
9 page edit display mode, a folder list and response  
10 display mode, and a folder headline display mode;

11 said place type created responsive to user command from  
12 a preexisting first place; each said new place created  
13 as a copy of said place type and having said  
14 configuration within said collaboration space as a  
15 fully functioning collaborative space including members  
16 with specific roles, data structure including folders  
17 and rooms, and aesthetics copied from said first place;

18 means responsive to place manager selection for:

19 selectively preventing changes to look and feel of



20           said new place by not presenting decorate options  
21           in said place type;

22           selectively displaying a description of said place  
23           type;

24           displaying source information for said place type  
25           including name and address of collaboration space  
26           place on which said place type is based;

27           selectively hiding and redisplaying names and  
28           descriptions of place types in a list of available  
29           place types created by place type authors and  
30           transportable ~~among plurality~~ among a plurality of  
31           servers;

32           ~~selectively update~~ selectively updating said new  
33           place created using said place type when said  
34           place type changes; and

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36           selectively copying said place type from a server  
37           on which said place type was created to another  
38           server.

1     13. [Previously presented] The system of claim 12, said  
2     collaboration space being organized according to an object  
3     model including place, room, folder, page, member, form,  
4     field, place type, room type, skin, and placebot objects.

1     14. [Previously presented] The system of claim 12, further  
2     comprising:

3             a browser for manipulating functionality provided by  
4             said place type.

1     15. [Previously presented] The system of claim 13, further  
2     comprising:

3             a browser for manipulating functionality provided by  
4             said place type to customize said collaboration space  
5             by integrating external technology.

1     16. [Previously presented] The system of claim 13, said  
2     place type being a directory containing all rooms comprising  
3     said place type.

1     17. [Previously presented] The system of claim 16, said

2 place type including membership, forms, placebots and skins.

1 18. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable  
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions  
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for creating  
4 a place type from which new places are created in  
5 ~~collaboration space~~ collaboration space, said method steps  
6 comprising:

7 creating a first place including a configuration of  
8 members and their respective roles, and a data  
9 structure including at least one room form and included  
10 page form, and at least one skin group for a team  
11 project;

12 rendering said first place as an existing place;

13 responsive to user command, creating from said existing  
14 place a place type specifying collaborative space  
15 characteristics including a members list and roles,  
16 data structure, and aesthetics of said first place; and

17 creating as a copy of said place type a new place as a  
18 fully functioning collaboration including said

19 configuration of members and their respective roles and  
20 said data structures;

21 responsive to place manager selection:

22 selectively preventing changes to look and feel of  
23 said new place by not presenting decorate options  
24 in said place type;

25 selectively displaying a description of said place  
26 type;

27 displaying source information for said place type  
28 including name and address of collaboration space  
29 place on which said place type is based;

30 selectively hiding and redisplaying names and  
31 descriptions of place types in a list of available  
32 place types created by place type authors and  
33 transportable among a plurality of servers;

34 selectively updating said new place created using  
35 said place type when said place type changes; and

36           selectively copying said place type from a server  
37           on which said place type was created to another  
38           server.

1       19.   [Previously presented]   The program storage device of  
2       claim 18, said method steps further comprising:

3           responsive to a user selecting an action from a browser  
4           user interface for creating a place in collaboration  
5           space, displaying a list of custom place types;

6           receiving from said user a name of a custom place type  
7           from said list, together with a name for a new place,  
8           user name and password; and

9           responsive to verification of said user as authorized  
10          by user name and password, creating a new place from  
11          said custom place type as a fully functioning  
12          collaboration space thereafter usable without reference  
13          to said custom place type.

20.   [Canceled]